DR. V. MAITREYAN: Sir, we want JPC ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि अगर समय रहते उन्होंने उचित कदम नहीं उठाया तो टैक्टाइल इंडस्ट्री को भारी नुकसान होगा ...**(व्यवधान)**... इससे हमारा जो भी ...**(व्यवधान)**... जो लगभग 300 मिलियन डॉलर है ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please. ...*(Interruptions)*... Let the Question Hour proceed. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: जो 545 मिलियन डॉलर था ...**(व्यवधान)**... इससे हमारे औद्योगिक इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर ...**(व्यवधान)**... वह इसकी व्यवस्था कैसे कर पाएंगे ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, नेता विपक्ष मैम्बर नहीं हैं, वह एक इंस्टीट्यूशन है ...**(व्यवधान)**... नेता विपक्ष एक संस्था होते हैं ...**(व्यवधान)**... आप एक बार उनको सुनिए, फिर फैसला करिए ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I would request the hon. Members to go back to their seats ...*(Interruptions)*... प्लीज, आप लोग अपनी-अपनी जगह पर वापस जाइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... Please take your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please sit down ...*(Interruptions)*... आप अपनी जगह पर वापस जाइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... आप प्लीज़ वापस जाइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... Please go back to your place. ...*(Interruptions)*... Q. No. 301. ...*(Interruptions)* Please answer the question. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN: Sir ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: सभापति महोदय ...**(व्यवधान)**... सर, वस्त्र मंत्री से ...**(व्यवधान)**... लागू करेंगे? ...**(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN: Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन: सर, कुछ सुनायी नहीं दे रहा है। ...**(व्यवधान)**... Sir, I have not been able to hear what the hon. Minister has said ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go to your seats...*(Interruptions)*... Please go to your places...*(Interruptions)*...Please go back to your seats...*(Interruptions)*...

Amount sanctioned for advertisements through DAVP

*302. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned by the Ministry for release of advertisements through DAVP in newspapers in all languages in the last two years, the language-wise break-up thereof; and

(b) the percentage of amount paid to Urdu newspaper out of the total budget of the DAVP in the last five years, the yearly break-up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a) The total final grant sanctioned by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and expenditure by Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) for Display and Classified advertisements for 2005-06, 2006-07 was as follows:-

(Rupees in crore)

Financial Year	Sanctioned Amount	Expenditure
2005-06	44.16	43.96
2006-07	40.47	39.45

Language-wise break-up of expenditure of DAVP's budget on advertisements released to newspapers during 2005-06 and 2006-07 is given at Statement-I (*See* below).

The Ministry is making special efforts to increase support through DAVP, to vernacular newspapers in languages like Urdu, Sanskrit, Kashmiri, Dogri, Khasi, Santhali, Bodo, Konkani, Maithili, Manipuri, Nepali, etc. or those published in J&K, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and North Eastern States. A special policy package will be announced on October 2, 2007 the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

(b) The information for Urdu newspapers is given in the Statement-II

Statement-I

Language-wise break-up of expenditure of DAVP's budget on advertisements released to newspapers during 2005-06 and 2006-07

(In Rs.)

Sl. No.	Language	Expenditure 2005-06	Expenditure 2006-07
1	2	3	4
1.	Assamese	1937288	1205428
2.	Bengali	19851249	14050330
3.	Dogri	–	1666
4.	English	184492483	202147048
5.	Garhwali	7520	8664
6.	Gujarati	16161502	11784925
7.	Hindi	135187381	105558023

1	2	3	4
8.	Kannada	3962521	3457744
9.	Khasi	209794	250097
10.	Konkani	25832	21842
11.	Malayalam	9342599	6693333
12.	Manipuri	793613	429788
13.	Marathi	16430519	12920019
14.	Mizo	373761	266434
15.	Nepali	137146	221687
16.	Oriya	8983435	7057871
17.	Punjabi	9400937	6476561
18.	Rajasthani	5746	9162
19.	Sanskrit	7469	8952
20.	Sindhi	1105854	800639
21.	Tamil	8459650	5294140
22.	Telugu	6270238	3687147
23.	Urdu	16467463	12146500
	TOTAL:	439614000	394498000

Statement-II

Percentage of amount paid to urdu newspapers out of the total expenditure of DAVP in the last five years

YEAR	PERCENTAGE(%)
2002-03	3.35
2003-04	4.07
2004-05	3.62
2005-06	3.75
2006-07	3.08

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकी: महोदय, ...(व्यवधान)...उर्दू के लिए सिर्फ ...(व्यवधान)... उर्दू भाषा के समाचार पत्रों के साथ भेदभाव का बर्ताव कर रही है। ...(व्यवधान)...

†[شری شاہد صدیقی: مہودے، ۔مداخلت۔ اردو کے لئے صرف ۔مداخلت۔ اردو بھاشا کے سماچار پتروں کے ساتھ بھید بھاؤ کر رہی ہے ۔مداخلت۔]

श्री प्रियरंजन दास मुंशी: सर, ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकी: सर, ...(व्यवधान)...

†[شری شاہد صدیقی : سر، ۔مداخلت۔]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री प्रियरंजन दास मुंशी: सर, ...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री जय प्रकाश अग्रवाल: सभापति महोदय ...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You speak from your place. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Speak from your place, not from here. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री जय प्रकाश अग्रवाल: सर, ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your place. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your place. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places. ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri Gireesh Kumar Sanghi. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Sir, my question to the hon. Minister is, the Southern States, namely, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, etc., are not getting their due share of advertisements from the DAVP. ...*(Interruptions)*... There is a large readership. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question, please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Newspapers of Marathi, English, Bengali, etc., get the major share. ...*(Interruptions)*...What the hon. Minister is going to do

† [Transliteration in Urdu Script.]

so that the Southern States also get their due share of advertisements from the DAVP? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your place. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: Sir, so far as the Southern States are concerned, you may see ...*(Interruptions)*... Tamil, 1,55,000; Telugu, 1,54,000; Malayalam, 1,31,000; and Kannada, 80,000 ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please, आप अपनी जगह पर जाइए ...(**व्यवधान**)... Q. No 303. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Projects under NREGA

*303. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of completed projects under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) in different States and Union Territories for the year 2006-2007;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to enhance the rates of wages for NREGA works in the context of price-rise;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment on the output of the works so far completed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) State-wise details of works along with percentage of completed works during 2006-07 is given in Statement-I (*See* below). Incomplete works of 2006-07 have been continued in 2007-08.

(b) No, Sir. Section 6(1) of the NREG Act provides that the Central Government may, by notification, specify the wage rate for the purposes of the Act. Section 6(2) further provides that until such time a wage rate is fixed by the Central Government in respect of any area in a State, the minimum wage fixed by the State under Section 3 of the Minimum Wages Act 1948 for agricultural labourers shall be considered as the wage rate applicable to that area. Central Government has not fixed a wage rate under NREGA for any of the States. Therefore, the minimum wages notified for agricultural labourers under Minimum Wages Act by the State Governments are applicable to NREGA.

(c) and (d) Assessment on the output of projects under NREGA is being done by the Government. Village level Monitoring and Vigilance Committees have been set up to certify the completion of works under the Act. National Level Monitors